



Existing sidewalk alignment looking east along 4th Street.



Existing curbside conditions looking west along 8th Street.

Residential Street - Widened Sidewalk Concepts

Certain corridors within the Mount Vernon community have been identified as primary pedestrian routes as shown on the Comprehensive Trails Plan. These routes are typically established based on a number of factors including available right-of-way, existing infrastructure and utilities, connectivity to community resources, accessibility and topography. Both 8th Street North and 4th Street South are slated to receive widened sidewalk. A widened sidewalk is 5-8' in width and sits a minimum of 4' from the edge of the roadway.

In addition to these two corridors illustrated hereon, the trails plan also shows a number of ways widened sidewalk can be introduced into the community including;

New Roadways

Mount Vernon is anticipating a number of new roadways in the near future within the Stonebrook Addition and West Side Connector. The Trails Plan considers these planned street projects and the opportunities gained with these forthcoming extensions. City officials can use an adopted trails plan as leverage while working with developers on future road extensions. The plan identifies corridors that may contain widened sidewalk, street width alterations or off-site connections to help complete the plan.

Sidewalk and/or Street Reconstruction

Infrastructure reconstruction is necessary to maintain functional streets and sidewalks. As this reconstruction occurs, the comprehensive trails plan can serve as a guide to implement the necessary pedestrian accommodations to work towards fulfilling the plan. Pedestrian access accommodations built into common street improvement projects such as intersections improvements, can make significant strides in making a more walkable community.

Street Tree Plantings

Mount Vernon contains many tree lined streets. It is inevitable that street trees over time will need to be replaced. A bigger concern would be that of a widespread epidemic such as the Emerald Ash Borer crisis were to cause a larger tree population decline. Nonetheless the trails plan identifies pedestrian routes that contain widened sidewalks necessary to fulfill the trails plan. This requires that replacement trees be positioned to avoid conflict with these future infrastructure improvements.



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